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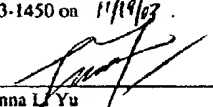
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SOWLE et al. Examiner: YU, G.C.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the final Office Action mailed May 20, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments below and consideration of the following remarks.

For reasons given below, Applicants submit the amended claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Petition for Extension of Time

A three month petition for extension of time is necessary to provide for timeliness of the response. Such an extension is requested, extending the time for response from August 23, 2003 to November 23, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

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New dependent claims 64-74 depend from new independent claim 63 and recite additional claim features.

New dependent claim 75 depends from independent claim 1 and recites additional claim features. New dependent claim 76 depends from independent claim 19 and recites additional claim features.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 63-76 are patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons given above in regard to claims 1-9, 11, 13-19, 21-27, 29, 50-51, and 53-62.

IV. Conclusion:

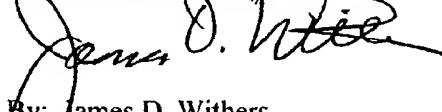
For at least the reasons given above, Applicants submit that claims 1-9, 11, 13-19, 21-27, 29, 50-51, and 53-76 define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 503025.

Respectfully submitted,

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